

**ALLOWANCE**

Claims 8-24 are allowed.

***Reasons for Allowance***

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest the claimed invention. Specifically, the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest modeling of business processes such that a scheduling component using XML scheduling programming language to define a flow of a business process and as further limited; providing independence as claimed; and further a binding component using XML scheduling programming language and as further limited, as recited in the independent claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Correspondence Information***

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